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1. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES POSED REFTEL.

2. DELAY IN U.S. ACCESSION TO AFDF IS RESULT OF DELAYS IN U.S. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR U.S. CONTRIBUTION. CONGRESS ON SEPT. 28 APPROVED A DOLS. 10 MILLION FY 77 APPROPRIATION FOR AFDF. IN VIEW OF EARLIER FY 76 APPROPRIATION FOR DOLS. 5 MILLION, U.S. EXPECTS TO SOON JOIN AFDF WITH DOLS. 15 MILLION CONTRIBUTION.

3. U.S. HOPES TO JOIN UK/YUGOSLAV CONSTITUENCY. U.S. EXPECTS TO SEND STAFF LEVEL TEAM TO ABIDJAN IN NEAR FUTURE, TO PAVE WAY FOR AFDF MEMBERSHIP. TEAM INTENDS TO STOP IN LONDON ENROUTE AND POSSIBLY ALSO ON RETURN TO U.S. TO DISCUSS, WITH APPROPRIATE BRITISH OFFICIALS, RELATIONSHIPS IN CONSTITUENCY, ABOUT WHICH THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

4. FYI ONLY: WHILE IN LONDON, TEAM WISHES TO RESUME WITH

TURNER, DISCUSSIONS STARTED IN KINSHASA AT AFDF ANNUAL MEETING. AT THAT TIME, U.S. STATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO POSITION FULL-TIME DIRECTOR IN ABIDJAN COMMENCING WITH NEXT ELECTION OF DIRECTORS IN MAY, 1977. TURNER SEEMED TO INFORMALLY ACQUIESCE, PRESUMABLY AGREEING THAT U.K. WOULD PROVIDE ALTERNATE DIRECTOR. WE WOULD SEEK TO CONFIRM THIS. END FYI.

5. FOR BELGRADE: QUESTION OF FULL TIME US REPRESENTATION WAS NOT DISCUSSED WITH YUGOSLAWS IN KINSHASA. PROSPECT OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN UK/YUGOSLAV CONSTITUENCY HOWEVER, WAS GREETED WITH ENTHUSIASM BY YUGOSLAV DELEGATION. GIVEN RELATIVE SIZE OF OUR CONTRIBUTIONS (U.S. DOLS. 15 MILLION, UK DOLS. 5.7 MILLION; YUGOSLAVIA DOLS. 3.3 MILLION) YUGOSLAWS MAY BE EXPECTED TO VACATE ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S POSITION WHICH THEY CURRENTLY HOLD, AT TIME OF NEXT ELECTION OF DIRECTORS IN MAY, 1977. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SIZE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOTH UK AND YUGOSLAV CONTRIBUTIONS COULD BE INCREASED AT ANY TIME BY THEIR RATIFYING THEIR RESPECTIVE REPLENISHMENT PLEDGES. U.S. EXPECTS TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL DOLS. 10 MILLION TO AFDF IN FY 1978.

6. WASHINGTON WILL KEEP BELGRADE ADVISED AS TO OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH FOR POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS WITH G.O.Y. ROBINSON

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